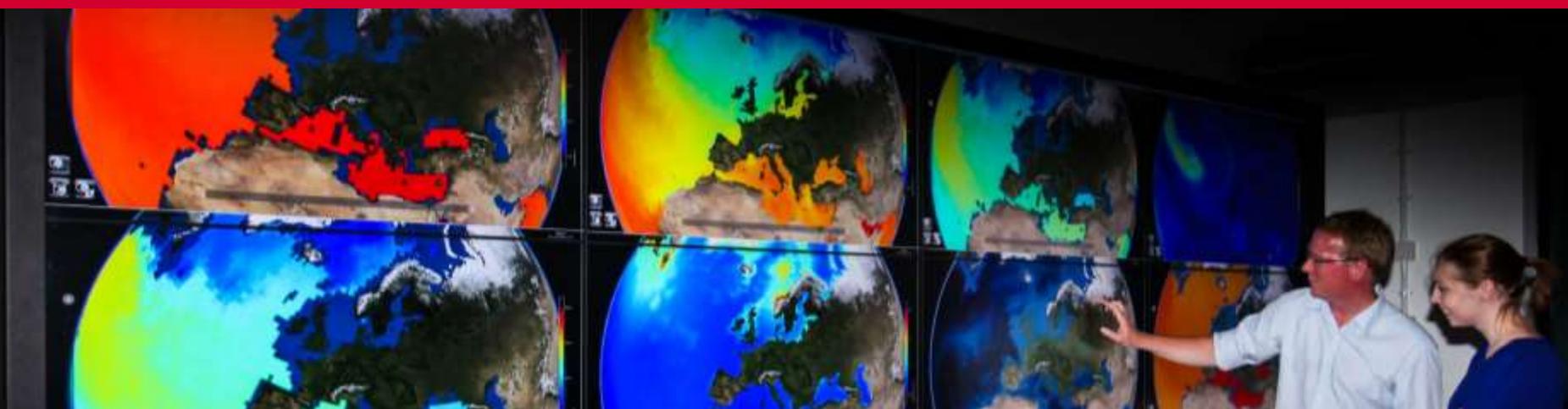


# STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL PHYSICS OR METEOROLOGY AT READING



Forecast for the future

# OUR PLANET YOUR FUTURE

- So, what do you do for a living?
- What do you predict?



# GRAND CHALLENGES

Flooding



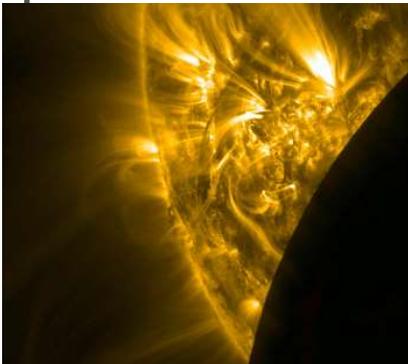
Aerosols



Tropical Cyclones



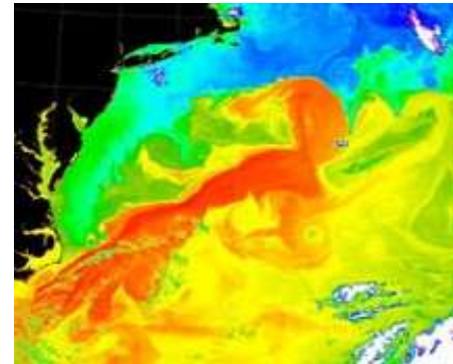
Space Weather



African Rainfall



Oceans & Climate



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# ENVIRONMENTAL PHYSICS AND METEOROLOGY AT READING

The Meteorology Department is at the forefront of Weather, Climate and Space research, with strong links throughout the industry

We run courses with small student numbers

Our courses cover all aspects of Weather, Climate and Space science and include a wide range of practical activities

Our graduates go onto a wide range of scientific careers

# ENV PHYSICS MODULES

## Part 1

Calculus  
Linear algebra

Weather and Climate  
Fundamentals  
Global Environmental  
Chemistry  
Skills for Environmental  
Science  
Atomic and Nuclear  
Physics  
Physics of the Natural  
World

## Part 2

Vector Calculus  
Statistics for Weather and  
Climate Science  
Surface Energy Exchange  
Atmospheric chemistry and  
transport  
Numerical Methods for  
Environmental Science  
Instrumentation for Env  
Measurements  
Mathematical physics  
Skills for Graduates

## Part 3

General Studies  
Dissertation  
project

Maths  
Physics  
Env Phys  
Env Lab  
General

# ENVIRONMENTAL PHYSICS

## OPTIONAL MODULES

### Part 2

Geophysics

Atmosphere and Ocean Dynamics

Transport Processes in the Environment

Global Quaternary Climate Change

Monitoring the Earth from Space

[Weather Case Studies and Forecasting](#)

[Practise of Entrepreneurship](#)

[History and Philosophy of Science](#)

[Sustainable Resource Management](#)

[French/ German/ Italian/ Spanish](#)

### Part 3

Climate Change

Soil, Atmos and Vegetation Modelling

Environmental Modelling

Remote Sensing Methods/Apps

Space Weather

Atmospheric Spectroscopy

Hydrology and Global Env Change

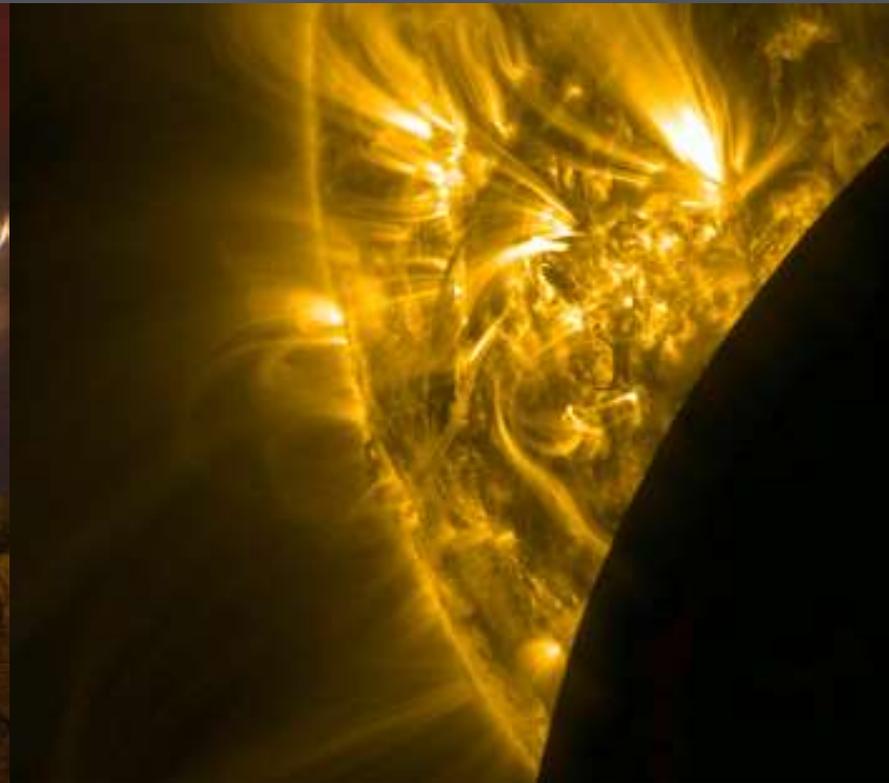
Oceanography

Boundary Layer Meteorology

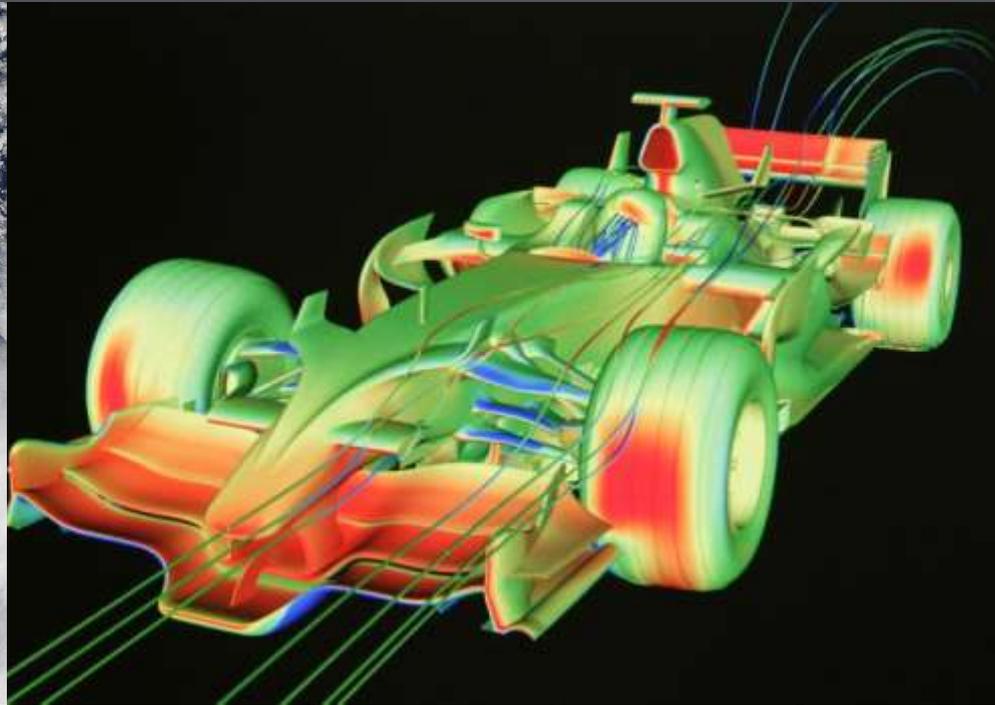
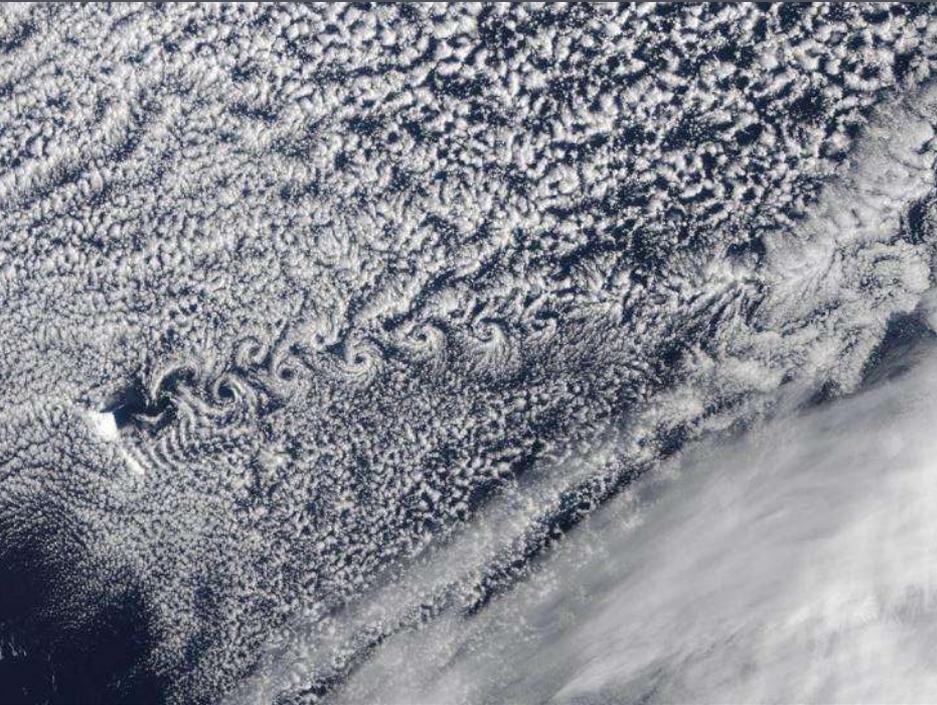
[Atmospheric Electricity](#)

[Atmospheric Science Field Course](#)

# FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS: ELECTROMAGNETISM



# FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS: FLUID DYNAMICS



# METEOROLOGY MODULES

## Year One

- Introduction to Meteorology
- Weather and Climate fundamentals
- Skills for environmental science
- Calculus
- Linear Algebra

## Year Two

- Atmosphere & Ocean Dynamics
- Atmospheric physics
- Numerical methods for environmental science
- Surface energy exchange
- Atmospheric analogues
- Skills for graduates
- Ordinary and Partial differential equations

## Year Three

- Part 3 project
- Boundary layer meteorology
- General Studies

Maths  
Physics  
Env Phys  
Env Lab  
General

# METEOROLOGY OPTIONAL MODULES

## Year One

- **Physics of natural world**
- Environmental issues
- **Atomic/nuclear physics**
- Global environmental chemistry

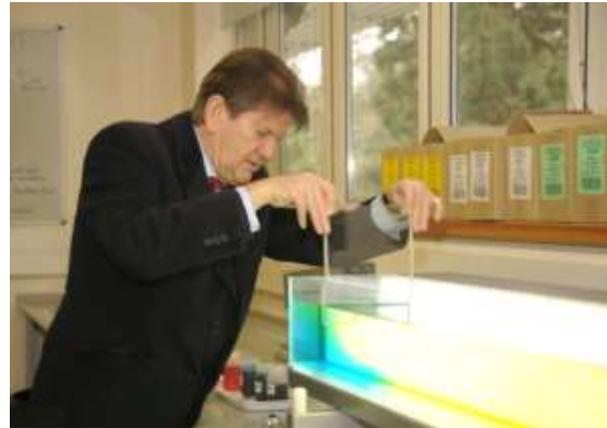
## Year Two

- Global quaternary climate change
- **Weather forecasting: practice and presentation**
- Institution wide language programme
- **Statistics for weather & climate**
- Atmospheric Chemistry and Transport

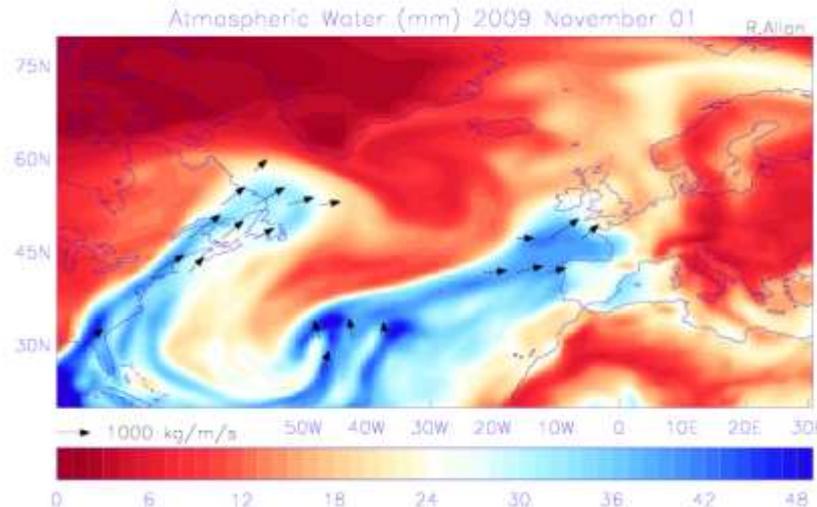
## Year Three

- Remote sensing methods and applications
- Climate change
- Dynamics of weather systems
- Oceanography
- **Atmospheric field course (Arran)**
- Numerical weather prediction
- Global circulation
- **Atmospheric electricity**

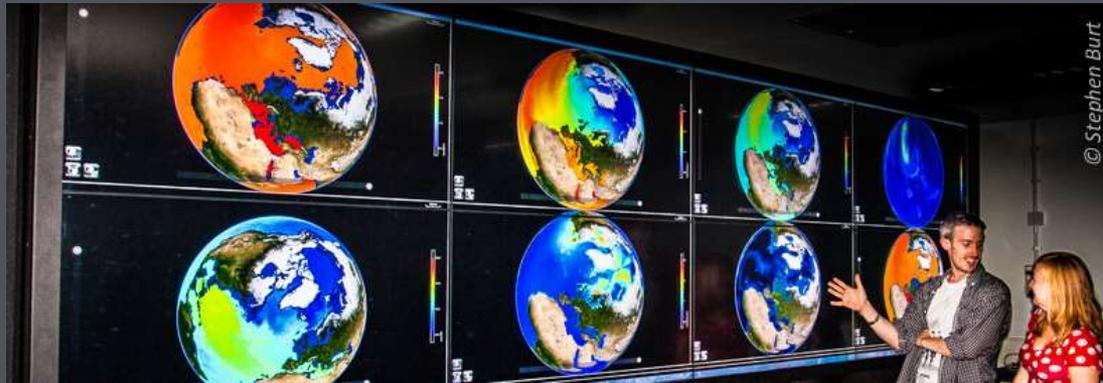
# METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATE: MEASURE, EXPERIMENT, SIMULATE



- Plenty of hands-on experience
- Wide variety of skills
- Close-knit group
- Good career prospects



# METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENT



We teach the next generation of weather, climate and space scientists and forecasters

Teaching staff: 45

Research staff: 180

Research students: 80

Undergraduate students: 70

# METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENT

Small student numbers means we have a very high staff/student ratio of about 1:2

This means we know our students very well

Each member of teaching staff has 2-3 tutees

In some optional modules you will be taught in groups of 5-10.

These numbers are unmatched pretty well anywhere else in the UK for pretty much any subject



# NATIONAL **STUDENT SURVEY**

100% overall student satisfaction

100% agreed 'Staff are good at explaining things'

100% agreed 'Staff are enthusiastic about what they are teaching'

100% agreed 'The course is intellectually stimulating'

100% agreed 'The course has helped me to present myself with confidence'

# CAREERS

- **Forecasting**

With organisations around the world including the UK Met Office and a range of private forecasting companies.

- **Research in Weather, Climate and Environmental Science**

At universities and government research centres around the world.

- **Consultancy**

For industries in the UK and overseas whose business is affected by weather, climate factors and other environmental factors

# SPOTTING A THEME?

International  
Opportunities

Governments and  
Industry Partnerships

Global Scale  
Cooperation

World Meteorological  
Organisation



# FORECASTING

- Met Office is the main employer of forecasters
- Other organisations in the UK and abroad that employ forecasters
- BBC, ITV employ national & regional forecasters and programme researchers



Tomasz Schafernaker



Laura Tobin

# RESEARCH AND ACADEMIA

- Department of Meteorology at Reading is one of the leading centres for weather, space weather and climate.
- New multimillion funded Institute for Environmental Analytics hosted at Reading
- Researchers are part of international teams.
- (Un)usual places:
  - *Active volcanoes- sample dust*
  - *Arctic - sea ice formation and destruction*
  - *Deserts - dust storms*
  - *Storm clouds - fly research aircrafts*
  - *Tropics - cyclones and typhoons*





# CONSULTANCY

- **Aviation** – RAF and civil
- **Shipping** – RN and commercial vessels
- **Energy providers/traders**
- **Investment Bankers**
- **Insurance companies** and re-insurers
- **Government:**
  - *Health protection (heat waves and cold snaps)*
  - *Highways Agency/Local Authorities (gritting)*
  - *Environment Agency*
  - *Flood defence/prediction (Rivers & coastal)*
- **Agriculture** – crop spraying, harvesting
- **The Emergency Services**
- **Leisure organisations** – sports events





# MORE CAREERS

- Meteorologist for Swedish Olympic Sailing Team
- Senior Scientist, National Centre for Atmospheric Research, Boulder Colorado
- Manager New Zealand Weather Service
- Weather Producer Sky TV
- Data Manager, British Antarctic Survey
- Head of Forecast Office, Heathrow
- Senior Analyst, Vattenfall Wind Energy, London
- Meteorologist EDF Trading, London
- Meteorologist Officer, Royal Navy
- Head of Catastrophe Research, Hiscox Insurance, London
- Chief Meteorologist, Northern Territory, Darwin, Australia

# EMPLOYMENT RATES

# 85%

Is the employment rate for people with a degree in Meteorology. This is extremely high, with around 85% of graduates finding employment in a related career.



# UNIVERSITY OF READING



- 19,000 full and part-time students
- 20% International Students from over 150 countries.
- Over 4,000 staff across all departments
- Around 250 different subjects and combinations of subjects ranging from Sciences, Arts, Humanities
- Science subjects popular e.g. biological sciences, chemistry, food science, microbiology, electronic engineering, meteorology, cybernetics
- Masters and PhD programmes



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# ACADEMIC/INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENTS

## Placement year

- Open to All students
- Earn from £15,000 to £26,000
- Improves motivation to study and academic performance
- Develops technical & non technical skills graduate employers require
- Secure graduate job earlier with higher starting salary.
- Think of it as your 1<sup>st</sup> graduate job

Also offer summer placements

e.g., **Space Internship Network (SpIN)**



# ACADEMIC/INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENTS

Dedicated, in-house placements officer

This year, three summer placements:

- Civil aviation authority
- Dept of Meteorology (through Royal Astro Soc)
- UK Met Office

Previous years:

- Huge range of transport, power, health, insurance, forecasting, instrumentation, etc. companies
- Both private and public sector

# CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates will gain excellent analytical, technical, and personal skills

- Governmental institutions (e.g., British Antarctic Survey, British Geological Survey, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Environment Agency, Met Office)
- Environmental and space research and consultancy
- Industry (aviation, transport, energy)
- Other general applications of physics and maths, (e.g., teaching, the scientific civil service, media, emergency services)
- Numerate professions (finance, risk management, insurance, etc).



# LATEST EMPLOYMENT DATA

2014 graduation group, 6 months on

Full time work	70%
Further study	27%
“Other”	3%
Unemployed	0%

These figures are fairly typical of our student destinations over the past 3 years